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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2007, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-5.

Claims 1-2, 7-8, 11, 13, 15-18 and 24-26 are amended.

Claim 3-6, 21-23 and 29-30 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks begin on page 6.